

# BETHANY

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PRESBYTERIAN  
CHURCH

*God's Kind of Church...*

*Where God is touching lives...*

*And people care for people.*

*Bethany IV ... 15 May 2022*

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## MEDITATION

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Text: 2 Peter 2

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## THE DAY OF JUDGMENT

### A GREAT AND LOVING GOD

The Scriptures reveal a great and loving God. He is full of compassion and love and He sent the Lord Jesus to be the Saviour of the world.

<sup>16</sup>For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that

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whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life.

<sup>17</sup> For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world through Him might be saved.

John 3:16-17

## A HOLY GOD OF JUSTICE

The Scriptures also portray a God whom, because He is holy and just, will also one day judge the world and all mankind!

<sup>4</sup> For if God did not spare the angels who sinned, but cast *them* down to hell and delivered *them* into chains of darkness, to be reserved for judgment;

<sup>5</sup> and did not spare the ancient world, but saved Noah, *one of eight people*, a preacher of righteousness, bringing in the flood on the world of the ungodly;

<sup>6</sup> and turning the cities of Sodom and Gomorrah into ashes, condemned *them* to destruction, making *them* an example to those who afterward would live ungodly;

<sup>7</sup> and delivered righteous Lot, *who was* oppressed by the filthy conduct of the wicked

<sup>8</sup> (for that righteous man, dwelling among them, tormented *his* righteous soul from day to day by seeing and hearing *their* lawless deeds)—

<sup>9</sup> *then* the Lord knows how to deliver the godly out of temptations and to reserve the unjust under punishment for the day of judgment,

2 Peter 2:4-9

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# MEDITATION

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1. God did not spare angels who turn to evil
  - a) He cast them down to hell
  - b) They are chained and reserved for judgment
2. God did not spare the ancient world
  - a) A great flood destroyed many
  - b) Only Noah and his family were spared
3. God destroyed Sodom and Gomorrah
  - a) He reserves the unjust under punishment on Judgment Day
  - b) But He will deliver the godly

## LET US STAND IN AWE OF THE LORD

Let us take nothing for granted! Let us stand in awe of the righteousness and holiness of God!

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

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# WELCOME TO BETHANY

We are glad that you have chosen to worship the Lord Jesus Christ with us today. May your heart be uplifted and blessed through worship and fellowship!



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# ANNOUNCEMENTS

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## MINISTRY THIS COMING WEEK

16 May- 22 May 2022

### 1. Special Seniors Program

- a) Tuesday, 17 May 2022  
9.30am- 11.30am
- b) Thursday, 19 May 2022  
9.30am-11.30am

### 2. Weekend Ministry

- a) Saturday, 21 May 2022
  - i) Catechism Class | 1.00pm
  - ii) Fellowship Groups Meetings (YPG 1-3; YAG 1-2) | 2.00pm
  - iii) Youth Worship | 3.00pm
- b) Sunday, 22 May 2022
  - i) Sunday School (ISS & SSS 1) | 8.30am
  - ii) Morning Worship Service | 10.00am
  - iii) Chinese Worship Service | 10.00am
  - iv) Crèche | 10.00am



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# WORSHIP IN SPIRIT AND TRUTH

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## **Psalm 119:159-160**

<sup>159</sup> Consider how I love Your precepts;  
Revive me, O LORD, according to Your lovingkindness.

<sup>160</sup> The entirety of Your word *is* truth,  
And every one of Your righteous judgments *endures* forever.

1. Love for God's precepts
  - a) This is declared
  - b) This is decidedly proven true
  - c) The challenge is to seek to be spiritually revived!
2. The Truth discovered about God's Word
  - a) Every aspect of God's word is true
  - b) It will also endure forever!

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# BIBLE MEMORY WORK

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**TODAY: 15 May 2022**

Text: "Wars and rumours of wars"      Matthew 24:6

*<sup>6</sup> And you will hear of wars and rumours of wars. See that you are not troubled; for all these things must come to pass, but the end is not yet.*

1. News of war

- a) True news
- b) Fake news

2. Appropriate response

- a) To not be troubled
- b) To understand that the End Times would include wars!

3. The End is not yet

- a) We will need faith
- b) We will also need courage and strength

**NEXT SUNDAY: 22 May 2022**

Text: "The beginning of sorrows"      Matthew 24:8

*<sup>7</sup> For nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom. And there will be famines, pestilences, and earthquakes in various places. <sup>8</sup> All these are the beginning of sorrows.*

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# POETRY CORNER

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# 1

## THE DAY OF JUDGMENT

Many believe the great love of God;  
But few ponder the justice of the Lord.  
It is important we have a balanced view;  
Our knowledge of God, we must review!

The Scriptures speak of God's judgment;  
Noah's message caused much resentment.  
The ungodly determined to do what they wished;  
The thought of God's judgment was not relished!

The story of Sodom and Gomorrah is well-known;  
Divine judgment came with fire and brimstone.  
The wicked were prayed for but they did not repent;  
The pursuit of evil and wickedness was their intent!

God is able to redeem those who turn from sin;  
He offers forgiveness and wonderful cleansing.  
The Lord does not delight in judging mankind at all;  
He would rather we turn from sin and heed His call!

Charles Tan  
Inspiration: 2 Peter 2:4-9

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# POETRY CORNER

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# 2

## THE BEGINNING OF SORROWS

Despite all diligence in whichever path of life we follow;  
There will be many situations beyond our control.  
The Bible clearly states what God, through the prophets, has foretold;  
That the calamities we see today are just the beginning of sorrows.

Religious tensions exist in many parts of the world;  
Many countries' political systems are in shambles.  
The resultant economic strife is rife;  
Especially worsened when the Covid pandemic arrived.

Yet, weeping and self-pity cannot be our coping strategy;  
When we have the Lord's compassion and mercy.  
Praise be to God for giving us the knowledge of Him and His promises divine;  
For through them, we may have eternal peace of heart and mind.

Our part is to be sure of our calling to be God's own;  
To strive to grow in faith and godliness, which we cannot postpone.  
Let us extend love to fellow brethren just as the Lord Jesus had shown;  
And cling onto God's promise that we will never walk alone.

Dr. Sng Li Wah

Inspiration: Matthew 24:4-8; Lamentations 3:22; 2 Peter 1:1-11



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# POETRY CORNER

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# 3

## THE TRUE LIGHT

The Lord Jesus Christ was the True Light,  
He came to shine in the darkness of night.  
To a darkened world full of sin and strife,  
He brought much-needed light and life.

Sadly, many loved to dwell in darkness,  
They stubbornly rejected the Lord Jesus.  
But there were some who were drawn to Him,  
Life would no longer be hopeless and grim!

His light clearly uncovers man's sinfulness,  
Yet He does not condemn for He is gracious.  
When one truly repents, He would forgive,  
There is great joy when in Him, we believe!

From Him, the light of life, we gladly receive,  
His light teaches us how we ought to live.  
May we seek to follow Him and walk aright,  
So that we may become true sons of Light!

Yvette Seow

Inspiration: John 1: 4, 5 and 9, 3:19, 8:12, 9:5 and 12:35

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## POETRY CORNER

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# 4

### The Return of Jesus

Scriptures inform of the return of Jesus when He told the apostles  
    "I will come again and take you to myself  
    that where I am there you may be also"  
No one except the Almighty Father knows  
of the timing of the second coming of Jesus  
May we be alert and stay awake to stand before the  
    Son of Man with our souls

The first coming of the Lord Jesus was prophesied  
    as recorded in the bible  
It was also recorded that the prophecy of His arrival on earth  
    was fulfilled  
Two thousand years ago Jesus came to earth  
    to minister and redeem sinners  
Every year with great joy His arrival is celebrated  
    and commemorated

History has shown that prophecies of olden days have come true  
Jesus predicted the destruction of the second temple  
Forty years after His prediction the temple was destroyed  
    through and through  
Thus ignoring that Lord Jesus will return is detrimental

Until His second coming we will face sorrows of all kinds  
Wars, earthquakes, pestilences will come to pass  
    but the end is not yet  
Is our long suffering Lord continuing to give man more and  
    more time for their repentance  
Before He proclaims that the Day of the Lord is set

Jessie Quek  
Inspiration: John 14:1-3; Matthew 24:1-51

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## POETRY CORNER

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# 5

### The Blessing of A Cherished Spring 2022

Another May arrives this year, energized with a special buzz.  
Hope for liberation, a sense of anticipation, much to discuss.  
And I am reminded of the abundant energy that you wielded,  
Full of enthusiasm and vigour, the liveliness that you fielded.

I remember the bursts of laughter that brightens the gloom,  
Your sways, your skips and your dances gave sadness no room.  
And at each birthday month of May, a flurry of excitement,  
Burst of ideas, floods of love, absolute joy was an understatement!

And as time moves furiously onwards, marching on relentlessly,  
I struggle as I look back at you, a deep sense of longing endlessly.  
My love, my joy, my inspiration, you have stood still in time,  
And I yearn to reexperience your faith, your love that was sublime!

Hence, at the beginning of each May, I will renew my faith, my trust,  
In the lovingkindness of an almighty God, so faithful and just.  
And I will savour His word of hope, and the richness of His salvation,  
Work hard for a place where time and space is no longer consideration!

In loving memory of our beloved Chloe's birthday on 17 May 2022.  
Tan Kok Yang, Chloe's father.

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## POETRY CORNER

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# 6

### LIKE PRECIOUS FAITH TO COPE WITH SORROWS

The Disciples inquired of their Master concerning what the future would hold,  
His response was far from straightforward, of many sorrows He foretold.  
The Lord warned them of deception, disasters, wars and hostility,  
These are signs of the end of the age — a solemn reality.

Such sorrows will inevitably on heart and soul, take their toll,  
Doubts can turn to misgiving — threatening to spiral out of control.  
We must guard against this human tendency when sorrows abound,  
In God's mercies, faithfulness and compassion, hope may be found!

Our response to sorrows must be to seek, like precious faith, to obtain,  
Called to partake of a Divine nature, in this corrupt world we need not remain.  
Add we also must, to this like precious faith, giving all diligence to this end,  
Never presuming that tomorrow's challenges, yesterday's faith can withstand!

Though the world around us grows increasingly complex and tumultuous,  
Cling to the precious promises of all things pertaining to life and godliness.  
We need not be overwhelmed and downcast by the reality of many sorrows,  
All tomorrow holds we can triumph through faith in the God who holds all to-morrows!

Stanley Woo

Inspiration: Matthew 24; Lamentations 3; 2 Peter 1

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# ORDER OF WORSHIP

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## PRELUDE

## CALL TO WORSHIP

*Deacon Milton Ong*

## PRAYER

## HYMN

CP 308 | Thanks to God for My Redeemer

CP 323 | 'Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus

## MESSAGE

“He who endures to the end”

Text: Matthew 24

*Rev. Dr. Charles Tan*

## PRAYER

## HYMN

CP 316 | Have Faith in God

## POSTLUDE



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## HYMNS

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### CP 308 THANKS TO GOD FOR MY REDEEMER

AUGUST L. STORM

1. Thanks to God for My Redeemer,  
Thanks for all Thou dost provide!

Thanks for times now but a memory, thanks for Jesus by my side!

Thanks for pleasant, balmy spring-time,

Thanks for dark and dreary fall!

Thanks for tears by now forgotten, thanks for peace within my soul!

2. Thanks for prayers that Thou hast answered,  
Thanks for what Thou dost deny!

Thanks for storms that I have weathered,

Thanks for all Thou dost supply!

Thanks for pain and thanks for pleasure,

Thanks for comfort in despair!

Thanks for grace that none can measure,

Thanks for love beyond compare!

3. Thanks for roses by the wayside,

Thanks for thorns their stems contain!

Thanks for homes and thanks for fireside,

Thanks for hope, that sweet refrain!

Thanks for joy and thanks for sorrow,

Thanks for heav'nly peace with Thee!

Thanks for hope in the tomorrow, thanks through all eternity.



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## HYMNS

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### CP 323 'TIS SO SWEET TO TRUST IN JESUS

LOUISA M.R. STEAD

1. 'Tis so sweet to trust in Jesus, just to take Him at His Word,  
Just to rest upon His promise, just to know, "Thus saith the Lord."

Refrain

Jesus, Jesus, how I trust Him!  
How I've proved Him o'er and o'er!  
Jesus, Jesus, precious Jesus!  
O for grace to trust Him more!

2. O how sweet to trust in Jesus, just to trust His cleansing blood,  
Just in simple faith to plunge me  
'Neath the healing, cleansing flood!

*Refrain*

3. Yes, 'tis sweet to trust in Jesus, just from sin and self to cease,  
Just from Jesus simply taking life and rest, and joy and peace.

*Refrain*

4. I'm so glad I learned to trust Thee,  
Precious Jesus, Saviour, Friend,  
And I know that Thou art with me, wilt be with me to the end.

*Refrain*



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# HYMNS

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## CP 316 HAVE FAITH IN GOD

B.B. MCKINNEY

1. Have faith in God when your pathway is lonely,  
He sees and knows all the way you have trod;  
Never alone are the least of His children;  
Have faith in God, have faith in God.

Refrain

Have faith in God, He's on His throne;  
Have faith in God, He watches o'er His own;  
He cannot fail, He must prevail;  
Have faith in God, have faith in God.

2. Have faith in God when your pray'rs are unanswered,  
Your earnest plea He will never forget;  
Wait on the Lord, trust His Word and be patient,  
Have faith in God, He'll answer yet.

*Refrain*

3. Have faith in God in your pain and your sorrow,  
His heart is touched with your grief and despair;  
Cast all your cares and your burdens upon Him,  
And leave them there, oh, leave them there.

*Refrain*

4. Have faith in God though all else fail about you;  
Have faith in God, He provides for His own;  
He cannot fail though all kingdoms shall perish,  
He rules, He reigns upon His throne.

*Refrain*

